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<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> <p style="text-align: center;">Office Action Summary</p>	Application No. 10/559,514	Applicant(s) WANSCHURA ET AL.	
	Examiner Michael Leslie	Art Unit 3745	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 and 17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4-16, 18 and 19 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 05 December 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

Claims 1-19 are objected to because of the following informalities: Claim 1, Lines 3-4, "the control angle" should be --a control angle--, Line 9, "the zero position" should be --a zero position--; Claims 2-19, Line 1, "Claim" should be --claim--; Claim 4, Line 4, "its" should be --the--, "the first opening" should be --a first opening--, Line 6, "the second opening" should be --a second opening--. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kleineisel (DE 3935800).

Kleineisel discloses a reversible axial piston machine having a cylinder drum (3) which rotates about an axis of rotation (D) and in the cylinder cutouts of which pistons (4), which are supported against an inclined surface (not labeled), are movable, a control angle of the inclined surface being adjustable by an adjusting device (~8), the adjusting device having a control piston (11) which adjusts the control angle in both pivotal directions and extends with a substantial direction component parallel to the direction of the axis of rotation of the cylinder drum wherein a zero position of the inclined surface, in which the inclined surface is oriented perpendicularly to the axis of rotation of the cylinder drum, can be set without play by a zero-position setting

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device (I, II). The zero-position setting device includes a first adjusting rod (16) which is positionably guided in a stepped cutout (~14) of the control piston, the cutout extending in the direction of the longitudinal axis of the control piston, and positions the control piston in the two directions of its longitudinal axis, and the inclined surface is constructed on a rotatably mounted pivot balance (6).

Claims 1, 3, and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Forster (4896585).

Forster discloses a reversible axial piston machine having a cylinder drum (8) which rotates about an axis of rotation and in the cylinder cutouts of which pistons (10), which are supported against an inclined surface (113), are movable, a control angle (Fig. 2) of the inclined surface being adjustable by an adjusting device, the adjusting device having a control piston (127, 117) which adjusts the control angle in both pivotal directions and extends with a substantial direction component parallel to the direction of the axis of rotation of the cylinder drum wherein a zero position of the inclined surface, in which the inclined surface is oriented perpendicularly to the axis of rotation of the cylinder drum, can be set without play by a zero-position setting device (Column 3, Lines 3-4). Wherein the inclined surface is constructed on a rotatably mounted pivot balance (114), and the control piston, which is axially movable in the direction of its longitudinal axis, is attached with form fit to the pivot balance by way of a slide block which is mounted in a groove of the control piston and has a cutout in which a journal connected to the pivot balance by way of a connecting arm is fixedly mounted (Fig. 2).

Conclusion


Claims 4-16, 18, and 19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Leslie whose telephone number is (571) 272-4819. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00am - 4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Look can be reached on (571) 272-4820. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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